



AMERICAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 14-085

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Secretary, FSN-120-06, DLA-730052
(Personal Services Agreement)

OPENING DATE: November 07, 2014

CLOSING DATE: November 21, 2014

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) - Grade: FP-08
Ordinarily Resident (OR) - Grade: FSN-06*
*Starting salary will be determined on the basis of qualifications and experience, and/or salary history.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Definitions) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi is seeking individuals for the position of Secretary in the Public Diplomacy Office.

Applicants must apply on U.S. Mission Application Employment Form and specify the vacancy announcement number. Applications not completed on U.S. Mission Application Employment Form, or without reference to a specific vacancy number will not be accepted. Only completed forms will be accepted. (Refer to application procedure below)

Only applicants who are selected for the interview will be contacted.

BASIC FUNCTIONS OF POSITION

The incumbent will operate as Office Manager for the Information Section and personal assistant to the Information Officer (IO) and the Country Media Advisor (CMA). The incumbent will be responsible for providing a wide range of administrative assistance to the Information Officer (IO), the Assistant Information Officers (AIO) for press, electronic media, and social media, and the Country Media Advisor (CMA), as required.

Performs duties, though not limited to the following:

Administrative Support:

- Prepare correspondence, screen telephone calls, and visitors, route mails, and maintain calendar of appointments for the IO and the other press office staff as well as calendar of events for the entire Information Office section.
- Draft and format cables and correspondence for signature by IO and other press office staff including letters, visa referrals, memoranda, fax messages, and reports, etc. for signature of the Public Affairs Officer (PAO), Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), and U.S. Ambassador.
- Act as liaison with other Mission officers, particularly those of Ambassador, DCM, POL, EEST, and DAO, providing documentation and other support as required, and as authorized by the IO and other press office staff.
- Liaise with other Public Affairs section units on program, travel, administrative, and miscellaneous matters, including visitor access and vehicular scheduling.
- On IO's or Country Media Advisor's instructions, schedule official appointments and IO staff meetings and attend such meetings as desired by the supervisors.
- Ensure that correspondence addressed to the Ambassador, which is forwarded to IO for action such as blue borders, are responded to appropriately and expeditiously.
- Maintain log of such correspondence and inform the executive office and the PAO's office manager of the action taken and send back copies of relevant correspondence.
- Draft visa referrals for senior IO and CMA contacts and ensure timely routing to the consular section.
- Receive and appropriately route information office vendor invoices through Management Office and Financial Management Center (FMC) for final payments and keep track to ensure timely payment.
- Draft and issue invitation cards for the IO's and PAO's business and social functions. Assist with arrangements for press conferences and special briefings by the Ambassador and other mission offices and visiting U.S. government officials.
- Keep account of the IO section's representational expenses and ensure that Contact Management Database (CMD) office is informed of the event and supplied with list of guests.
- Coordinate travel arrangements for the IO, AIOs, and CMA with the travel unit, prepare travel authorization for official visits, follow up on air/train/hotel reservations, notify branches, etc. to be visited, arrange transportation, and submit travel vouchers after the travel has been performed.
- Organize and maintain an elaborated e-filing system. Assemble and maintain folder and files on various important subjects and issues concerning Indo-U.S. relations and U.S. policies.
- Maintain orderly, easily accessible, and chronological, up-to-date files to meet current needs and demands for material required by the IO and other offices in the Mission.
- Maintain IO section program and other files, keep calendar of activities/leave plans/travel/visitors, organize section's contributions to post's program calendar.
- Act as the principal timekeeper for the IO section.
- In absence of the information assistant, responsible for daily media reaction reporting, help in the preparation of the daily media reaction report. Also act as backup, in the absence of the Minister Counselor's office manager.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. To request the position description, kindly send an email to NewDelhiVacancies@State.gov.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Completion of two years of College Studies is required.
2. Three years of progressively responsible secretarial work experience, out of which one year experience working with U.S government is required.
3. Levels IV (Fluency) in English and Level III (Good working knowledge) in Hindi is required (Speaking/ Reading/ Writing). **(When applying for the position, please indicate your level of proficiency for these languages).**
4. Proficiency in Outlook and Microsoft Office applications (Excel, Word, Power Point).

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position should submit the following:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family member (DS-0174) is available on website. Please note: Must answer all the questions in DS-174 application form.

http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html **or**

2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Definitions); **or**
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-0214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

U. S. Embassy
Human Resources Office (Recruitment Team)
Shantipath, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110 021
or
FAX: 2419-8056
or
E-mail: NewDelhiVacancies@State.gov

POINT OF CONTACT

Telephone: 24198227/8369/8908

Please insert **14-085** (Vacancy Announcement Number) in the Subject of the E-mail. Applications without the Vacancy Number or with incorrect Vacancy Number will not be accepted.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:
 - Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
 - Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
 - Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;

- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#), Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, and other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EfMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number
- D. Date of Birth
- E. Place of Birth
- F. Dates Available for Work
- G. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- H. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- I. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (*Yes or No; if yes, provide number*)
- J. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- K. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- L. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation*)
- M. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- N. Days available to work
- O. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- P. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- Q. Education
- R. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- S. Language Skills
- T. Work Experience
- U. References

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: (November 21, 2014)

The U.S. Mission in New Delhi provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.